(e) whether the same Syrup has been purchased by CGHS after change of the label from Ayurvedic to Unani?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Maxo Laboratories is Registered with CGHS Unani Stores prior to 1981.

(d) The Director of Industries registers only firms and not the composition of the products that the firm manufactures, Maxo Laboratory is, accordingly registered with them.

(e) No, Sir. The Unani Medicines are purchased on the basis of certificate issued by Drug Controller (Ay.)

Firm Supplying Unani Medicines to CGHS

8198. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question 242 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) what are the names of the 17 firms enlisted for supply of Unani medicines to CGHS;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of them are not reputed and are lesser known;

(c) whether it is also a fact that reputed Unani firm are not coming forward because of malpractices in CGHS; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to meet this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No such complaint has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

The names of the firms are indicated below:

1. Ahmed & Co., Hyderabad.
2. Ashoka Pharmacy, Meerut.
3. A.J.Lab., Delhi.
4. Drug Lab. Meerut.
5. Hamdard Lab., Delhi.
6. Herbs & Herbs, Jaipur.
7. Himachal Drug Pharm., Amritsar.
8. Islahi Dawakhana, Bombay.
9. Maxo Lab., Delhi.
10. Medico Pharma, Hyderabad.
11. New Capital Dawakhana, Delhi.
12. Sadar Dawakhana., Delhi.
13. Sadar Lab., Delhi.
14. Unani & Co., Delhi.
15. Unani Products., Delhi.
16. Win Pharm., Meerut.
17. I.M.P.C.L., Mohan (Almora)., Uttar Pradesh.

Plan to Curb Goitre

8199. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the Caption "54 million affected with goitre" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 3rd February, 1995.

(b) if so, whether the number of people suffering from iodine deficiency endemic goitre is persistently increasing;